

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PHILLIPS VILLAGE BOARD
May 5, 2026**

The meeting of the Phillips Village Board was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Chairperson Benton on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in the Town Hall in Phillips, Nebraska.

The following Trustees answered at roll call:

Dorothy Benton, Chairperson
Jim Crawford
Les Dana

Absent: Jordan Watson, John Briseno

Chairperson Benton states, the Open Meeting Laws are posted on the south wall of the meeting room in the Town Hall if anyone wants to review them.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 regular Board Meeting. Voting aye: Crawford, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Due to other commitments, Fire Chief Brandt was not present. Trustee Crawford mentions an upcoming golf tournament fundraiser the fire department is holding in September.

Maintenance Superintendent provides day-to-day activities and provides an estimate of the cost of a chain link fence for the ball field. Further clarification required regarding the alley and current fence placement. Discussion held. Maintenance Supervisor is to contact the Hamilton County Surveyor to locate the property line markers. If the property line markers are not located and a cost is involved it will need to be added to an Agenda for approval.

Village small branch and limb clean-up will take place on May 30, 2026. Residents must contact Maintenance Superintendent to sign-up and be present to help with removal.

Village Fall clean-up days will take place August 21st through a.m. August 23rd. The site for drop off will be located at the Maintenance Shop.

Clerk/Treasurer reports were presented to Trustees to include end of month claims.

Trustee Crawford provides property cleanup updates. Clerk is instructed to send out letters to 606 West and 425 East Street for street parking time limits and unlicensed vehicle on property.

Trustee Crawford provides an update on the water project funding and confirms a meeting occurred in Giltner last month where the State of Nebraska was there to offer details on the project. Chairperson Benton attended the meeting and provides additional information on the State funding and the options available to the Village of Phillips if Giltner chooses or declines the funding for their water project.

Public Open Discussion held. Resident Dawson Bartunek discusses the TIF Redevelopment Plan that will be presented to the Board on June 2, 2026. Area resident Jeff Reed appears to support the TIF Redevelopment Plan.

Area resident, William Gordon advises the City Park Planting Day will be May 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. All Village residents are welcome to come and join CCC students plant on the south-east corner of the City Park.

Mr. Gordon also asks the Board to check into the noise and vibration coming from Memorial Hall the previous night. It was extremely loud. Mr. Snips also speaks on the noise vibration matter and adds the event participants drove past the road and into the yard. Maybe signs would be helpful to keep them from driving across lawns. Clerk is instructed to add the noise and vibration to June's agenda.

Chairperson Benton advises the Trustees the application for the Zoning Permit for the storage units, 17 11 8 LOTS 23 & 24 BLK 18 PHILLIPS ORG TWN 2 was received after 4:00 p.m. on Monday May 4th, 2026. Section 6.04 of the Phillips zoning ordinance states an applicant shall have 12 months from the approval of the conditional use permit to commence use, unless the Village Board specifically grants a longer period of time upon the recommendation of the Village Planning Commission. If the use stated within the conditional use permit has not been commenced within 12 months, or approved time period, said Permit shall become invalid. The year is today. Village legal counsel has been contacted to obtain clarification on "commence use".

Brief discussion held. Chairperson Benton indicates that seeking further clarification will not affect the applicant's application timeline and once the information is received from legal counsel, a special meeting will be scheduled to expedite the permit application.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to table the zoning permit application, 17 11 8 LOTS 23 & 24 BLK 18 PHILLIPS ORG TWN 2, for a special meeting once advised by legal counsel. Voting aye: Crawford, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to approve the hen permit, located at 218 Hamilton Street. Voting aye: Crawford, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

East Well #2 Lease Agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Neeman is discussed. Chairperson Benton provides several lease agreement options received by legal counsel. Chairperson Benton to work with legal counsel on 5-year lease options.

Local resident, James Edwards speaks with the Trustees about allowing shipping/cargo containers to be used as storage on residential properties. Discussion held on the number each resident would be allowed; painting of the container to match the other buildings and what other Villages have done with their zoning. Chairperson Benton will work with legal counsel to determine if there is a way to allow containers on residential properties on a case by case; and with approval of the Board. Clerk instructed to add to the June agenda for further discussion.

Local resident, Ron King speaks with the Trustees about an adult Co-Ed League this year and the use of the Ball Fields. The games would last for 6 weeks, one night a week for 6 teams. Cost would be \$150.00 per team. Discussion held on the current use of the ball fields for the youth ball program and tournaments. Inquiries with Jay Otto will assist in determining if the fields would be available. Clerk instructed to add to the special meeting agenda that will take place this month. Mr. King will be notified of the date and time.

Clerk/Treasurer discusses the cost break down provided by American Legal Publishing regarding the updates to the paper and online versions of the Village Ordinances. Brief discussion is held on the cost and other options that may be available. Clerk instructed to check into the other options and add to the July agenda.

Chairperson Benton updates the Trustees on correspondence from Miller & Associates on the sewer lagoon flowmeter and the rental cost. Additional discussion is needed. Clerk is instructed to add to the June agenda.

Chairperson Benton updates the Trustees on the WWAC pre-application and its placeholder function for the water project financing. The pre-application will be held during public hearing on the June agenda.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Crawford to pay all Claims as presented. Voting aye: Crawford, Dana, Benton Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Crawford moved, Trustee Dana seconded, to Adjourn. Voting aye: Crawford, Dana, Benton Voting nay: none. Motion carried and meeting adjourns at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doris M. Arnett
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Phillips